

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Fifteen "One Minutes" per side	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Members are advised that following the first vote series, Rep. Maloney is expected to rise for a point of personal privilege.

H.Res. 595 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3309 - Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2012 (Rep. Walden – Energy and Commerce)(One Hour of debate). The Rules Committee has recommended a structured Rule that provides for one hour of general debate equally divided among the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The Rule allows ten amendments, each debatable for 10 minutes equally divided between the offeror and an opponent. It also provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Lastly, it waives all points of order against the legislation.

The Rules committee once again rejected a motion by Ms. Slaughter to consider the bill under an open Rule.

H.R. 3309 - Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2012 (Rep. Walden – Energy and Commerce)(One Hour of debate). The bill changes procedural requirements for the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) rulemaking process. It also changes the conditions for disclosure of closed meetings held by a bipartisan majority of FCC commissioners, and limits the agency's ability to set conditions on transactions relating to corporate mergers and acquisitions.

The Rule makes in order 10 amendments, each debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided between the offeror and an opponent. The amendments are:

Rep. Crowley Amendment. Would require, in the event that the FCC creates or amends a rule relating to baby monitors, the FCC to require the packaging of a new baby monitor to display a warning label so that families are informed that video and sounds captured by an analog baby monitor may be easily viewed or heard by potential intruders outside a consumer's home

Rep. Stearns Amendment. Would modify existing law so that each FCC Commissioner may hire an electrical engineer or computer scientist to provide in-depth technical consultation as well as interface with the Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) and other Commission technical staff to help inform their decisions

Rep. Waters Amendment #3. Would strike the portion of Section 3 that would diminish the FCC's capacity to impose or accept voluntary public interest conditions or commitments from applicants to a media merger

Rep. Waters Amendment #4. Would prohibit FCC officials from accepting employment with a regulated entity within 1 year of the official's vote and/or action in a proceeding in which the employer was a party or applicant

Rep. Eshoo Amendment. Would require entities sponsoring political programming to disclose the identity of any donor that has contributed \$10,000 or more to such entity in an election reporting cycle

Rep. Diaz-Balart Amendment. Would make the FCC's handling of FOIA requests more open and transparent

Rep. Owens Amendment. Would express that nothing in this Act shall impede the FCC from implementing rules to ensure broadband access in rural areas

Rep. Al Green Amendment. Would clarify that the Act would not impede the FCC's ability to provide in times of an emergency, for effective and efficient communication systems to alert the public of dangerous weather conditions

Rep. Speier Amendment. Would prevent this Act from taking effect until the FCC provides a report on the impact of the changes of this Act on the FCC's mandate to promote competition and innovation

Rep. Yvette Clarke Amendment. Would express that nothing in this Act shall impede the FCC from providing efficient and effective communication systems for state and local first responders

Bill Text for H.R. 3309:

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Background for H.R. 3309:

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Suspensions (2 Bills)

- 1) Concur in the Senate Amendment to [H.R. 3606](#)** - Jumpstart Our Business Startups (JOBS) Act (Rep. Fincher - Financial Services)
- 2) Legislation Related to [H.R. 4239](#)** - Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012 (Rep. Mica - Transportation and Infrastructure/Ways and Means/Natural Resources/Science, Space, and Technology/Energy and Commerce)

Postponed Suspension (1 Bill)

- 1) [H.R. 3298](#)** - Homes For Heroes Act of 2011 (Rep. Al Green - Financial Services)

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Wednesday, March 28: The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to begin consideration H.ConRes. 112 - Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022 (Rep. Ryan (WI) - Budget) (Subject to a Rule). The House may also consider legislation related to the Surface Transportation Extension.

The Daily Quote

"But recent votes in Congress have shown just how hard it will be to get the modern, unruly Republican Party to rally behind a single agenda... For example: Rep. Paul Ryan's (R-Wis.) budget didn't cut enough for some on the right, and GOP moderates are squeamish about its proposed treatment of Medicare. The highway bill has also shown a divide — nearly half of the Senate Republican Conference voted to approve the \$109 billion highway bill, only to see it shelved by House Republicans. On another key bill, the number of Republicans with tight U.S. Chamber of Commerce ties are eager to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank, but tea party conservatives see the agency as an affront to the party's small government dogma."

- Politico, 3/26/12